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The Outlook.

BY MISS PHOEBE CAREY.

She died at the middle of night—
And brother nor sister, nor friend,
Came not near her to aid or to lend,
Ere the spirit took its flight.

She died at the middle of night—
Food and raiment she had no more,
And the fire had died on the hearth before—
'Twas a pitiful, pitiful sight.

She died at the middle of night—
No napkin pressed back the parted lips;
No weeper, watching the eyes' eclipse,
Covered them up from sight.

She died at the middle of night—
And there was no taper beside the dead,
But the stars, through the broken roof o'erhead,
Shone with a solemn light.

She died at the middle of night—
And the winter snow spread a winding-sheet
Over the body from head to foot,
Dainty, and soft, and white.

She died at the middle of night—
But if she heard, ere her hour was o'er,
'I have not condescended—sin no more,'
She lives where the day is bright.

Colonel Benton.

This gentleman, who has just been returned as a member of the next Congress from the St. Louis district, Missouri, will prove rather a sore "thorn in the side" of the regular Democracy. He was elected on anything but the Baltimore platform. The New York Tribune says: "Colonel Benton is called a 'Democrat,' and calls himself so,—that designation being more attractive than any other. Yet his speeches throughout the canvass have been essentially Whig; his avowed objects in returning to Congress are consistent with Whig principles, and utterly inconsistent with the Pierce Baltimore platform. He everywhere avowed himself an advocate of river and harbor improvements, of a national railroad from the Mississippi to the Pacific, and of a revision of the tariff, with an eye to the more efficient protection of American iron-making. Mr. Caruthers, the Whig candidate, forcibly complained that Colonel Benton's hobbies were all borrowed—all based on Whig ideas of government, and at war with the professed principles of his own party. And this was true."

Emptying His Pockets.

Many years ago, a collection was taken up in his native town for the purpose of increasing the Sunday-school library, and I remember with pride the satisfaction it gave me to see General Pierce empty his pockets as freely as he did for that good object.—*Cor. Boston Post.*

The editor of the Manchester (N. H.) American, on seeing this paragraph, was wicked enough to plant up the record of the benevolent deed. He publishes a copy of the original document, dated March, 1827, which records the wonderful generosity of the marvellous Pierce upon the memorable occasion. The names of all the contributors are given, with the sums contributed by them respectively. Opposite the name of Pierce, who is now glorified as having freely emptied his pockets in the sacred cause, is set down the sum of twenty-five cents!

Items.

Mr. F. B. Didier, of Baltimore, shot in a recent firemen's riot there, has recovered.

Wm. H. Faggart was killed at Citronelle, Alabama, a few days ago, by Wm. Alford.

A girl has been fined \$5 by Recorder Genois, at New Orleans, for voluntarily kissing a man in that city.

A dealer in obscene literature was beaten by a gentleman in Cincinnati, the other day, for offering to sell some of his vile trash to a lady.

When we are convinced that our opinions are erroneous, it is always right to acknowledge it, and exchange them for truer.

A park, embracing 250 acres, on the Metairie Ridge, is proposed at New Orleans. The entire cost of the ground is estimated at \$11,000.

Dr. Hubbell, in the Eclectic Journal of Medicine, states that a decoction of cleavers, (galium aparine), if applied to the face, and infusions of it drunk, removes freckles from the skin.

A judicial convention is about to be held at Albany, composed of the judges of the courts, the removed object being to frame a set of new rules of practice for the State.

Emile Prudent, the celebrated French pianist, who ranks among the first in Europe, is coming to this country with Madame Sontag. She will also be accompanied by good tenor and baritone singers.

The agricultural implements of Virginia are worth but sixty-nine cents for every acre; in New York they are worth one dollar and eighty cents; and in Massachusetts one dollar and forty cents for every acre.

DEFALCATIONS.—A correspondent of the San Francisco Times, writing from Sacramento city, states that the committee of the city council has a deficit against Mayor Hardenberg of \$10,000; against the city treasurer, McCracken, \$17,000; against L. Curtis, city clerk, \$15,000.

Says one of them, "Brown is the meanest man I ever saw; I was in his store the other day, when I saw him catch a fly on the counter and examine it with a magnifying glass to discover if it had been eating sugar out of one of his barrels."

"You haven't opened your mouth during the whole session," complained a member of the late Massachusetts legislature to a representative from the same town. "Oh yes, I have," was the reply; "I jawed through the whole of your speech."

Who knows thy line of life that loves thee not,
Olivary, generous, lion-hearted sort;
Now glad and green about thy honored brow
The laurels of victorious fields shall grow.
Could be the hand whose impious touch shall dare
To pluck the smallest leaf that mantles there.

Ethelwold, Bishop of Winchester, in King Edgar's time, sold the gold and silver vessels belonging to the church to relieve the poor during a famine, saying: "There is no reason that the senseless temples of God should abound in riches while his living temples are perishing with hunger."

It is reported that a court-martial was lately convened at Fort Mifflin for the trial of a non-commissioned officer accused of sundry acts of insubordination whilst in a state of intoxication; and that, upon being found guilty of the charges alleged, he was sentenced to receive fifty lashes, and be branded with a hot iron upon his shoulder!

"Important, if true."—A late number of the London Illustrated News says that the Democrats intended to nominate Rufus King for the Vice Presidency, at the late Baltimore Convention, and that the Whigs balloted lustily for Douglas for the Presidency.

A preacher in no matter where—observed, one day, that a striking proof of the wisdom and benevolence of Providence was given in placing death at the end of life—thus giving one time for preparation. This was almost as profound a remark as that of another person, who thought "it was lucky that Sunday was placed at the end of the week, instead of in the middle, which would have made a broken week of it!"

THE WHIG PLATFORM.

The Whigs of the United States, in Convention assembled, firmly adhering to the great conservative republican principles by which they are controlled and governed, and now, as ever, relying upon the intelligence of the American people, with an abiding confidence in their capacity for self-government and their continued devotion to the constitution and the Union, do proclaim the following as the political sentiments and determinations of their national organization as a party is effected:

1. The government of the United States is of a limited character, and it is confined to the exercise of powers expressly granted by the constitution, and such as may be necessary and proper for carrying the granted powers into full execution; and that all powers not thus granted or necessarily implied are expressly reserved to the States, respectively, and to the people.

2. The State governments should be held secure in their reserved rights, and the general government sustained in its constitutional powers, and the Union should be revered and watched over as "the palladium of our liberties."

3. That, whilst struggling freedom everywhere enlists the warmest sympathy of the Whig party, we still adhere to the doctrines of the Father of his Country, as announced in his Farewell Address, of keeping ourselves free from all entangling alliances with foreign countries, and of never quitting our own to stand upon foreign ground. That our mission as a republic is not to propagate our opinions, or impose on other countries our form of government by artifice or force, but to teach by example, and show, by our success, moderation, and justice, the blessings of self-government and the advantages of free institutions.

4. That where the people make and control the government, they should obey its constitution, laws, and treaties, as they would retain their self-respect and the respect which they claim and will enforce from foreign powers.

5. Government should be conducted upon principles of the strictest economy, and revenue sufficient for the expenses thereof, in time of peace, ought to be mainly derived from a duty on imports, and not from direct taxes; and in levying such duties, sound policy requires a just discrimination, and protection from fraud by specific duties when practicable, whereby suitable encouragement may be secured to American industry, equally to all classes and to all portions of the country.

6. The constitution vests in Congress the power to open and repair harbors, and remove obstructions from navigable rivers; and it is expedient that Congress should exercise that power, whenever such improvements are necessary for the common defence, or for the protection and facility of commerce with foreign nations or among the States; such improvements being, in every instance, national and general in their character.

7. The federal and State governments are parts of one system, alike necessary for the common prosperity, peace, and security, and ought to be regarded alike with a cordial, habitual, and inseparable attachment. It is the duty of each, and acquiescence in the constitutional measures of each, are duties required by the plainest considerations of national, State, and of individual welfare.

8. The series of acts of the 31st Congress commonly known as the Compromise or Adjustment (the act for the recovery of fugitives from labor included) are received and acquiesced in by the Whigs of the United States as a final settlement, in principle and substance, of the subjects to which they relate; and, so far as these acts are concerned, we will maintain them, and insist on their strict enforcement, until time and experience shall demonstrate the necessity of further legislation, to guard against the evasion of the laws on the one hand, and the abuse of their powers on the other—not impairing their present efficiency to carry out the requirements of the constitution; and we deprecate all further agitation of the questions thus settled, as dangerous to our peace, and will discountenance all efforts to continue or renew such agitation, whenever, wherever, or however made; and we will maintain this settlement as essential to the nationality of the Whig party and the integrity of the Union.

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